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SUBJ: GISCARD'S SUGGESTION THAT ECONOMIC SUMMIT TAKE  
PLACE IN UK

REFS: A. PARIS 247. B. PARIS 36156. C. LONDON 519.

1. ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFF MEMBER HAS FURTHER CONFIRMED TO US THAT GISCARD'S JANUARY 3 SUGGESTION, THAT ECONOMIC SUMMIT TAKE PLACE IN UK, WAS WHOLLY UNCOORDINATED AND SPONTANEOUS FRENCH IDEA. INDEED, CALLAGHAN PHORED BRITISH AMBASSADOR HERE SAME DAY TO FIND OUT URGENTLY WHAT WAS GOING ON.

2. AS WE ARE NOW TOLD STORY, GISCARD PROCEEDED FROM FACT THAT FRANCE AND THE US HAD ALREADY HAD SUMMITS, AT RAMBOUILLET AND PUERTO RICO, AND WERE THEREFORE NOT IN RUNNING. FUKUDA HAD NOT SHOWN MUCH INTEREST IN HAVING IT IN TOKYO. MOREOVER, SOURCE ADMITTED OBLIQUELY, FRENCH WERE NOT TOO ANXIOUS HAVE SUMMIT END UP IN FRG, PRECISELY BECAUSE ONE OF ITS PURPOSES IN  
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FRENCH VIEW IS TO PUT PRESSURE ON SCHMIDT TO PERMIT REFLATION TO HELP UK, ITALIAN, AND FRENCH ECONOMIES. (REFTEL B). THIS WOULD BE HARDEST ON HIS HOME TURF. CONVERSELY, HAVING SUMMIT IN UK WOULD TEND TO DRAW ATTENTION TO PRESSING EUROPEAN ECONOMIC ISSUES AND WOULD, EQUALLY IMPORTANTLY, GIVE UK A NEEDED FILLIP TO ITS MORALE. NOT SAID, BUT IMPLICIT IN CONTEXT THIS

AND RELATED CONVERSATIONS, WAS FURTHER CONSIDERATION THAT BY CONTINUING EMPHASIZE UK'S ROLE IN EUROPE, GISCARD WAS ADVANCING STRATEGY LAUNCHED BEFORE HIS LONDON TRIP LAST FALL: THAT IS, OF A TRIANGULAR FRENCH BALANCING ACT, IN WHICH GREATER UK PARTICIPATION IS INTENDED OFFSET GERMAN PREDOMINANCE.

3. ELYSEE HAS IMPRESSION THAT AFTER SOME INITIAL SURPRISE BRITS HAVE GRASPED ADVANTAGES OF HOSTING SUMMIT AND, AS ALSO REPORTED LONDON'S REFTEL C, ARE READY TO ACCEPT.

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